

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A stairlift chair~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 24 further including locking means operable to lock the position of said web or belt with respect to said reel housing, said device being characterised in that the act of engaging the fixing component of said reel carrier to the fixing component of said installation causes said locking means to operate.

4. (currently amended) A stairlift chair ~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 3 wherein said locking means operates to lock said reel within said reel carrier.

5. (currently amended) A stairlift chair ~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 24 ~~+~~ further including retraction means to retract said belt into said reel carrier.

6. (currently amended) A stairlift chair ~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 24 ~~+~~ wherein said reel carrier comprises a housing sized and shaped to locate comfortably within a user's hand.

7. (currently amended) A stairlift chair ~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 24 ~~+~~ wherein the point at which said belt enters and exits said reel carrier is surrounded by a support member.

8. (currently amended) A stairlift chair ~~containment device~~ as claimed in claim 7 wherein said support member has a degree of flexibility which is less than the flexibility of said belt.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 ~~9~~ including two spaced armrests, the free end of said belt being attached to one of said armrests, and said reel carrier being

removeably connectable to a fixing component attached to the other of said armrests.

11. (original) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 10 wherein each of said armrests includes a forward edge and a rear edge, said containment device extending between points on said armrests closer to the forward edges than said rear edges thereof.

12. (previously presented) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 11 wherein the point of connection between said reel carrier and said armrest is within the sight of a stairlift user.

13. (currently amended) A stairlift chair as claimed in claim 24 9 including a further belt configured to, in use, pass over a shoulder of a user, said further belt being connected to, or being adapted to connect to, said reel carrier.

14-18 (canceled)

19. (original) A stairlift chair having a containment device, said containment device having a fixing component; a reel carrier displaceable toward, and engageable with, said fixing component; a reel rotatably mounted within said reel carrier; a first belt fixed to said reel for winding on to, and from, said reel ; and a second belt fixed at one end to said chair and at the other end to said reel carrier, one of said first and second belts being configured to pass over the lap of a user and the other of said first and second belts being configured to pass over a shoulder of a user.

20-23. (canceled)

24. (new) A stairlift chair including two spaced sides and a containment device, said containment device comprising

- a fixing point mounted on or adjacent one of said spaced sides;
- a reel carrier;

a reel rotatably mounted in said reel carrier;

a length of belt wound onto, and fixed at one end to, said reel and having an opposite free end, wherein the opposite free end is fixed on or adjacent to the other of said spaced sides, and wherein said reel carrier is displaceable between said spaced sides and is engageable with said fixing point.